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A.—(a) Four of the eight taluk boards in the Tanjore district were re-constituted on an elective basis with effect from 15th August 1923 and the election of members from all the taluk boards took some time after that date.

(b) The Government have decided to authorize the members of the Tanjore District Board to elect their President. The requisite notification will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 8th January 1924; and

(c) the answer is in the affirmative.

NON-BRAHMANS.

The Nellore Non-Brahman Conference.

46 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether they have received a copy of the resolutions passed at the First Nellore District Non-Brahman Conference;

(b) whether it is a fact that one of the resolutions passed in that Conference was to the effect that the constructive programme of the Congress should be given effect to; and

(c) whether the Government has any intention of giving effect to any extent whatever to the abovementioned resolution?

A.—(a) The Government have not received a copy of the resolutions referred to.

(b) & (c) The questions do not arise.

REVENUE DIVISIONS.

Re-adjustment of revenue divisions and taluks in the Nellore district.

47 Q.—Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to lay on the table the proposals submitted by the Collector of Nellore for the re-adjustment of the revenue divisions and taluks in the Nellore district and the orders passed thereon?

A.—The proposals made by the Collector of Nellore are under the consideration of Government. When they have considered the proposals, any changes contemplated will be published in the District Gazette for public criticism. The Government do not therefore consider it necessary to lay on the table the proposals made by the Collector.

REVENUE ESTABLISHMENT.

Abolition of four Deputy Tahsildars in the Coimbatore district.

48 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have authorized the Collector of Coimbatore (1) to publish their intention to abolish four Deputy Tahsildars' offices in the Coimbatore district and (2) to call for objections regarding the same;

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(b) whether the Government have any objection to publish the Collector's report on the matter referred to in clause (a) above for public criticism before arriving at a final decision in the matter ;

(c) what was the number of criminal cases on the file of each of the four Deputy Tahsildars above referred to in 1921 and 1922 both as regards Calendar and Register cases ;

(d) whether objections have been received against the proposal regarding all or any of these offices ;

(e) whether the Bench Courts having jurisdiction to try petty cases from the villages are now under the jurisdiction of those Deputy Tahsildars ; and, if so, the headquarters where the Bench Courts are located ;

(f) whether any objection has been received against these Bench Courts trying cases from such villages ; and if so, whether the Government have passed final orders, or whether the matter is still under consideration ;

(g) if final orders have already been passed on the matter referred to in (f) above, whether the Government have any intention to reconsider the matter ; and

(h) whether there is any proposal to constitute Bench Courts at the present headquarters of these Deputy Tahsildars if their offices are removed ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The proposal having been published for the information of the public and their criticisms invited and duly considered, the Government do not think it necessary to publish the Collector's report.

(c) The number of criminal cases on the file of each of the four Deputy Tahsildars in 1921 is given below. The figures for 1922 are not available—

					Calendar cases and register cases.
(1)	Perundurai	...	...	...	554
(2)	Kangayam	...	...	...	287
(3)	Satyamangalam	...	...	...	396
(4)	Mettupalayam	...	...	...	289

(d) Yes, in respect of all the four offices.

(e) No.

(f) & (g) Does not arise.

(h) The proposal cannot obviously be considered until orders are passed on the abolition of the offices referred to.

SETTLEMENT.

Resettlement proposals in the Tanjore district.

49 Q.—MR. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the resettlement proposals of Tanjore district will be stayed pending legislation on general settlement of revenue in the Presidency ?

A.—The Government see no reason to adopt the course suggested.